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County's vaccination talk gets tense

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Haliburton County councillors are at odds over how to bring forth a COVID-19 vaccination policy that will impact workers.

A report to council from chief administrative officer Mike Rutter led to deadlock and clear frustration at the Nov. 24 council meeting, held virtually. After nearly an hour of discussion, councillors agreed to defer a decision until at least December, after more legal opinions have been sought.

A myriad of concerns were raised, such as the ethics of terminating unvaccinated employees, the dangers of having separate policies for paramedics and other employees, and how the policy would be enforced on unvaccinated councillors.

"This is tough, I don't think anyone wants to do this, but we've got to land somewhere," said Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen as the debate wrapped up. "Hopefully we can land somewhere that we can all accept."

Rutter's report was intended to put rules around vaccination status for councillors, committee board members, staff, volunteers and contractors who work for the county. If it has passed, it would have asked that these groups "provide proof of being fully vaccinated." Those who aren't fully vaccinated would

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A rousing success

Robin Duke, who portrayed her character Wendy Kurtz from the *Schitt's Creek* television show, shows how her "pashmona" wrap can be used in the case of an "accident" at the 8th Annual Highlands Christmas Shindig on Saturday, Nov. 27 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Duke is a Saturday Night Live alumnus and shared the stage with Dame Beatrice, as played by Mike Jaycock and Penelope, as played by Victoria Bingham. The event has raised more than \$45,000 for Fuel for Warmth to help heat homes around the county. See page 8 for more photos. /DARREN LUM Staff

Councillors bring arena questions to the table

by **NICK BERNARD**
Times Staff

Following his report on the activities of the Community Services department at the Nov. 25 Minden Hills council meeting, director Craig Belfry was asked about a number of concerns arising from the new arena

in Minden.

Councillor Jennifer Hughey expressed concern from her constituents about the hours of the walking track.

"There's been some concern from constituents that have called me ... They're being told that it's not available, after a certain period, but then they're actually seeing people using it after those times," she said.

"So there's just some concern as to what the actual schedule is."

Belfry explained that a permanent COVID screening presence would need to be put in place before the walking track opened fully to the public.

"Once they're there, we'll be able to fully open up the track in the evening. Right now

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Dorset delighted as tree is lit

Members of the Algonquin Highlands fire department warm up after keeping the fire going at Dorset's tree lighting on Nov. 26. The event did not take place last due to pandemic restrictions, so there was much excitement as people – and pets – greeted each other at last Friday's celebration. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Councillors want safe workplace without job loss

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have had to receive a medical exemption. The policy also would have allowed unvaccinated staff to continue working for 45 more days if they could provide a proof of a negative COVID-19 test once per month. The policy would have been different for paramedics who would have had to provide a negative test prior to reporting to work each day, as part of a provincial policy. The policy also stated that "continued non-compliance may result in the leave of absence being extended for such a time as deemed appropriate." Yet, many councillors seemed uncomfortable with a policy that could lead to termination. "It's the job loss part of this that I struggle with," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin later blamed council's inability to reach consensus on the province for being "gutless" and not giving municipalities clear direction. The meeting also got tense after Moffatt tried to express that her concerns were a matter of policy, and not to support "DNA-altering tin-foil hat wearing people" a reference to an anti-vax movement that is connected to delusional theories that exist on the fringes of the internet. "I take offence to that," said Dysart Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, saying that unvaccinated people should not be mocked. "A lot of people I have spoken to are not anti-vaccination, but they're scared. They're concerned about what will happen to their body." The two later agreed that they have the same view that, ultimately, a policy to create a safe workplace has to be in place.



A sing-a-long of Christmas carols led by Susan Cassie took place in the parking lot next to Dorset's tree lighting celebration last week.



The Hinbest family - Mike and Katie with kids Ethan and Brie - were the honorary tree lighters at this year's Dorset tree lighting held on Nov. 26. The Hinbests recently purchased Robinson's General Store in Dorset, after it had a 100-year-run in the care of the Robinson family.



Krista McLaren, with Emma, bundled up for the Dorset tree lighting on Nov. 26. Emma was one of many dogs who took in the show, posed for photos and got lots of love from guests to the festive evening. Below, a bonfire offered warmth on the chilly night.



Woman charged after stolen vehicle stopped

A woman faced multiple charges after a vehicle stolen in Minden was identified at a RIDE spot check in Dysart et al. On Nov. 24, 2021, at 9 a.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in Minden Hills township. Shortly after midnight on Nov. 25 that same vehicle passed through a RIDE spot check that officers were conducting on Highway 118 in Dysart et al township. As a result of the investigation, a 30 year-old woman of no fixed address has been charged with the following:

- Operation while prohibited under the

Criminal Code

- Flight from Peace Officer
- Fail to comply with probation
- Fail to comply with release order
- Fail to comply with undertaking
- Theft Over \$5000 of Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000
- Possession of a Controlled Substance

The accused party was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on Nov. 25.

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Public concerns over walking track, snack bar, heated viewing area

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we don't want to rely on minor hockey or figure skating to do the screenings to the general public ... we generally think the track will be open until about 9 o'clock at night."

Councillor Jean Neville asked Belfry about the progress of the design and construction of the arena's snack bar, which she cited as a major need for the facility.

"When I've been at hockey games, everybody's looking for something," she said. "We need that snack bar running ASAP."

Belfry explained that the snack bar was part of the Haliburton Huskies' tenancy agreement, but that a report on its progress would be submitted on Dec. 9 [for the next council meeting].

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell's questions to Belfry pertained to public access to the heated viewing area within the arena.

"I have parents that are in there watching, and they say they're getting kicked out of the warm viewing area, or they were told they can't go in there," Schell explained. "I just can't imagine why we have an almost \$14 million dollar arena, and the warm area isn't something that's included in the price of watching a hockey game outside of the Huskies."

Belfry reiterated that the warm viewing area is part of the tenancy agreement with the Huskies. Outside of that, Belfry says, there is a fee and charge for that area – a response that prompted head shakes from Schell, Neville, and Sayne.

"It's a rentable space, it can be used as a multi-purpose room, there's a lower warm viewing area," Belfry said with a shrug. "If council wishes us to not charge for that, that's something we can look at."

A motion to explore the fee structure of the warm seating area was passed. For now, the upper viewing area has been opened to the public.

Damage and vandalism to the Minden boardwalk addressed

Councillor Bob Carter directed the conversation toward the Minden boardwalk, which has experienced recent damage sustained.

"It has been closed for the season," Belfry explained. "It's not in great shape. We did get a grant to look at it in the spring as part of our capital projects."

He said that staff suspects that some damage caused to the boardwalk was done by heavy equipment like ATVs.

"We are having lots of issues with people throwing the barricades from the closures into the marshy area," he said, "As part of the project, we're going to look at gates going onto the boardwalk."

Minden fire department reintroduces duty crews

by NICK BERNARD
Times Staff

Minden Hills fire chief Nelson Johnson reported the hiring of five new volunteer firefighters, and with that a new duty rotation that would place firefighters on a rotating schedule.

"With our call volume, we needed to adjust our program to have different members attend," Johnson told councillors at the Nov. 25 meeting. He said the hope was to alleviate some stress.

"The Minden fire department is working very hard, we are training to meet the needs of the community," Johnson said. "There have been many situations where we have these minor calls, but we need to send out these minimum resources to multiple scenes at the same time."

Part of the solution, Johnson said, was the reintroduction of duty crews to the department.

"What it will do is it will help us be equipped with the minimum required staff to deal with fires ... motor vehicle collisions, rescues, wildfires, other calls, medical calls," Johnson explained as he described the concept to council. "We set the crews up into a platoon and the duty crew roster will direct to that platoon to say, 'who's on call for that week?'"

Johnson said volunteers will also have the opportunity to sign up to indicate their availability. He also said it will allow the burden of work to be distributed more evenly across the department, enabling those who respond to an inordinate amount of calls currently to relax.

Each platoon will have four members, and will rotate weekly.

The shift toward duty crews was widely lauded by council, with Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell praising its reintroduction.

"A former fire chief whom I know intimately had that program for many years and it works very well," she said, referring to former fire chief Doug Schell, her husband. "So great job, it'll work well for you."

"Fantastic idea about the crews," Councillor Jean Neville said in agreement.

Fire chief summarizes October activity to council

Johnson gave a breakdown of the number of calls the station received in October to council at last week's meeting.

"We've done 48 calls just in the month of October," Johnson said. "Last year at this time, it was 31 calls, so that's a 54 per cent increase."

This year, he said, there have been a total of 334 calls, up from 221 last year.

Johnson also broke down the types of calls they were receiving. A third of them were fire calls, another third medical. Public assistance, alarm, hydro, and rescue calls made up the final types of calls received and responded to by the fire department.

In a brief round of questions, Neville asked about the increase in volume, and whether it was affecting other municipalities as much as Minden.

"They all have different situations," Johnson responded. "We have one municipality that actually went down [in volume and cost], and they haven't seen one single structure fire this year."

Johnson also said that he has spoken about this to Dysart et

al fire chief Mike Iles.

"One of our biggest neighbours, of course, is Dysart et al, and he's experiencing the same thing as we are."

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December 9 – Regular Council Meeting

December 9 – 2nd Draft Budget Meeting

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NOTICE – 2022 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 2nd round of its 2022 Budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting via web conference scheduled for December 9, 2021.

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Archie Stouffer principal honoured with TLDSB director's award

by NICK BERNARD
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 23 Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustees meeting.

The Nov. 23 meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board began with a swearing-in of the new student trustee. Grade 11 student Ben Hunter will be representing his peers at TLDSB meetings alongside Alexia Evans-Turnbull.

Following Ben's swearing-in, the Director's Recognition Award was presented to Archie Stouffer Elementary School Principal Dawn Sudsbury, who was nominated by ASES vice-principal Mike Gervais. The Director's Recognition Award recognizes outstanding and significant staff contributions to the district and its students, over an extended period of time, showing a level of imagination, enthusiasm, and professionalism that constitutes a worthy model for others.

"Dawn is a highly passionate leader," began Vice-Principal Gervais' letter of nomination, as read by TLDSB Director Wes Hahn. "She prioritizes the needs of all learners at her school, and makes plans to support their learning and enhance their educational experience. When staff walk into Archie Stouffer school, it is clear that they are stepping into a community, focused on student achievement and equity. Dawn consistently encourages her staff to look for opportunities to be the best educators they can be ... Dawn sees potential in all students, and advocates for every child's right to quality education."

The nomination was a surprise to Sudsbury, who expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the recognition.

"I've had the pleasure of working with so many great people in my career," Sudsbury said after receiving her award. "Just being a student [in this region] first, and then my own children graduating, I feel really proud to be part of this, to work in this community, to serve our community."

"Kids are why we come to work every day, and I just have the best job in the world," she concluded.

The Director's Recognition Award was also presented to Huntsville High School Alison Turnbull, who was nominated by her Vice-Principals Aaron Beausoleil and Geoff Corbett.

Sudsbury reviews ASES experience with SIEP

As promised by Superintendent Jay MacJanet at the TLDSB meeting on Nov. 9, Sudsbury was on hand to



Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Dawn Sudsbury, centre, received the Director's Recognition Award from Trillium Lakelands District School Board director Wes Hahn, left, at a board of trustees meeting led by chair of the board Bruce Reain, right, on Nov. 23. /Photo submitted by TLDSB

present her experience with Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Improvement and Equity Plan (SIEP). She described the steps taken by the school to improve student outcomes, especially in the categories of literacy and numeracy. Sudsbury began by explaining that developing the SIEP began at the students' desks.

"So we want to first start to look at gathering information," she said. "We want to know what the students know, what they don't know. We want to start to look at how they're actually learning, and what might be some barriers to that learning."

She said this process was done through teacher observations and conversations that they're having with their students.

In terms of literacy, Sudsbury said it was important to understand how well students could read, how well they could comprehend what they were reading, as well as their understanding of phonics and critical thinking, like summarizing and analyzing bits of text. When it came to math, Sudsbury said they were looking at whether students could count, do elementary math, and whether they could problem-solve.

Following direct consultations based on these observations between teachers, Sudsbury, a teaching-learning coach, and the school's resource teacher, creation of the SIEP began.

An example goal Sudsbury provided from her school's SIEP concerned student literacy.

According to a slide included in the presentation, Archie Stouffer's goal was for 51 per cent of students to accomplish reading at grade-level. Currently, according to the slide, 15 per cent of students in Grades 2 to 8 are reading at grade level.

"Our goal by June is we want 100 percent of our students to demonstrate growth in reading," Sudsbury said. The 51 per cent was decided based on predictions by teachers.

Sudsbury also described creating an "inquiry question" in order to direct their movements towards reaching that goal. Because of the varying needs of students in different age groups, two inquiry questions were asked.

For students in Grades 2 to 4, staff found students had difficulty employing what Sudsbury described as decoding strategies.

"So what we found is they were really having a hard time looking at the words and actually being able to sound them out and figure out what that word said," Sudsbury explained. For Junior and Intermediate students in Grades 5 to 8, comprehension was the main concern.

"They are really struggling with comprehension. So they were able to read and decode the text, but once they had done that, they really struggled with making meaning of that text."

From there, Sudsbury said the strong focus is on supporting teachers to enable them to work directly with students on individually tailored plans for success.

The final piece of the SIEP, Sudsbury said, was a focus on equity.

"Equity for us is just the overarching umbrella of everything we do," Sudsbury said. "At Archie Stouffer, there are no excuses – all children can achieve."

She said administrators look at demographic data, poverty rates, and other data in order to "even the playing field," as Sudsbury describes it.

"We have weekly intervention meetings where we meet together with the [teaching team] and bring certain students

forward, and we talk about how we can support them and what our next steps are," Sudsbury said. "Sometimes it involves bringing in community partners, and sometimes it involves just working with the classroom teacher on their [Individual Education Plan] goals or different pieces to support them."

Sudsbury ended her presentation by saying that completing the SIEP ends at the same place it begins -- at the student's desk.

"We want to make sure ... is every task we give a student intentional? Is it purposeful? And is it meeting the need of every student for what they need to be successful?"

An update on antigen screening kits and secondary school semester

Director of Education Wes Hahn provided trustees with an update on the rollout of vaccinations for children aged five to 11. TLDSB is working with local public health units to offer clinics at some school locations. Community members will receive more information when the clinics have been scheduled by the health units.

Hahn also gave an overview of the policies currently in place within TLDSB schools to keep communities safe and healthy, including giving students a take-home COVID-19 test over the holiday break, as an extra layer of screening.

"Prior to the holiday break, students will take home a BTNX rapid antigen screening kit that contains five tests," Hahn said. He emphasized that taking the test was entirely voluntary. Director Hahn also updated the board on the question of whether to return to a regular four class day schedule, or otherwise stay with the quadmaster schedule already in place at secondary schools across the board.

Currently, the Ministry of Education has given school boards clearance to return to regular schedules. TLDSB is in consultation with students and staff to help inform a final decision that would come into effect in February 2022.

"I think what we're doing very carefully, and I think we're being very thorough about this, is making sure we speak with our secondary administrators," Hahn said. "And they're working with their staffs and talking with students about that return to regular semester."

Hahn expressed gratitude to teachers and staff on their ability to adapt to these changes in the regular schedule so far.

"So now, there are definitely benefits to going back to regular semesters, and over the next week or so we'll be working with our staff to weigh those out," Hahn said.

Student trustee Turnbull posed a question to the director expressing concern for her peers, who, she pointed out, would be the ones most affected by the change of schedule: "How are you planning on gathering student voice through this?"

"That's coming through the principals to staff," Hahn replied. "They'll be working with students in their own building ... We've got a Google Form – or I guess a spreadsheet, we'll call it – that will be gathering that information, and will be coming back to our department here [at the school board], and then we'll look at it as a senior team and make those decisions from there."

Whatever changes that come are set to go into effect in February 2022.



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Evolving library needs more staff

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

The new head of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) would like to add more staff, citing that the role of public libraries is changing to reflect 21st-century realities, such as digital literacy and even community safety.

"The library is at a crucial and important crossroads," said HCPL chief executive officer Chris Stephenson, at the Nov. 10 Haliburton County Council meeting, held virtually. "The library has been growing the last few years beyond its capacity."

While no decision was made at the meeting – Stephenson's presentation was a prelude to upcoming yearly budget deliberations – the comments yielded some hearty discussion on how libraries must evolve.

Stephenson, who became chief executive officer and head librarian of the public library in September, requested a budget increase of \$85,000 to hire one additional full-time employee and one part-time employee. The funds would also leave room to cover paid sick leave.

"This will result in a better functioning library system, and staff will be taken care of so they can do essential front-line work," he told council.

He also said libraries can be an "important equalizer in society," by offering services such as technology to help with digital literacy skills, as well as large print for those with visual impairments. He added that something that has changed, recently, is the need for staff to understand broader social issues. He

said now it's common for staff to connect visitors with important social services. Also, the library now has a naloxone kit, knowing that those who visit or spend time just outside the building could be using opioids.

"Often times people do come from the library as a first resort or last resort for help that it is a little more complex," Stephenson said, explaining how the times have changed.

Some county councillors agreed that the role of library work is changing and that adjustments must be made to be more fair to staff.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts acknowledged that the library needs more help, saying that there's a growing need to have staff involved in social media and communications, as well as provide more convenient hours, as it's hard to find qualified staff willing to travel to a small library branch for a short shift.

"The world is changing, the library complement of staff has not changed," she said. "The expectation is that we get caught up and have our staff meet the needs of our community."

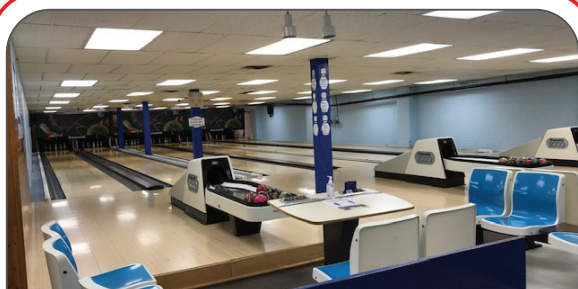
Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, a library board member, said the library may not necessarily need to be involved in the county's community safety plan, but acknowledged libraries have a role to play with helping vulnerable populations.

"Libraries are absolutely changing and need to change with the time," she said. "We also don't want to reinvent the wheel for other agencies with work that's already being done, but the library as a community hub is a place for some of those alignments to occur."



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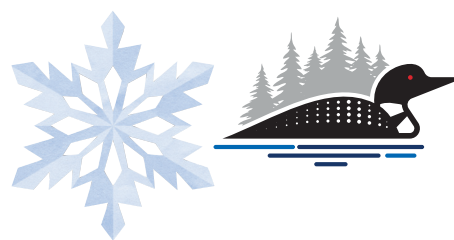
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The idea of accommodation, perhaps doing things a little differently than we have before, has been ever-present throughout the pandemic, as we – finally – made the world at least slightly more accessible. Workplace meetings, book clubs, exercise classes, even symphony performances and wine tastings have been made available virtually, so that what we think is important in life can continue.

Last week, MPs in the House of Commons voted to extend a hybrid format of Parliament until mid-2022, that motion passing 180 to 140 after extensive debate. It means MPs can participate in votes or debates virtually from home, and is intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19. But it has other merits, too.

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh said a virtual option allows those who need to self-isolate due to COVID-19 contact or be a caregiver at home to still attend and participate rather than missing out. NDP MP Laurel Collins spoke to the challenges of balancing breastfeeding with work that isn’t yet gender-equal or family-friendly and how a hybrid format would help multi-tasking women.

Conservative party leader Erin O’Toole disagreed with the hybrid format, saying, “To hold the government to account as Canadians expect, we must be here in Ottawa working for Canadians. A virtual Parliament will limit the voice of Canadians.”

But in many ways virtual offerings have helped people overcome the real

barriers of meeting in-person and have brought more voices to the table – or screen.

Virtual sessions have enabled local reporters, for example, to attend more meetings, free of the restrictions caused by travel or scheduling conflicts. Those meetings are more accessible in many ways – now an individual camera on each council member’s face, with their names on the screen, makes it easier even for first-time council attendees to identify who is speaking, hear what they’re saying, and see their nonverbal reaction to comments that are made. It’s easier to read lips, get a closer look at visual presentations, and understand what’s happening even with the sound off in some meetings where closed captioning is used. Marathon council meetings are also more accessible – a quick text to someone waiting for one item on the agenda means they can tune in from wherever they are for that discussion without having to miss work or find childcare to attend.

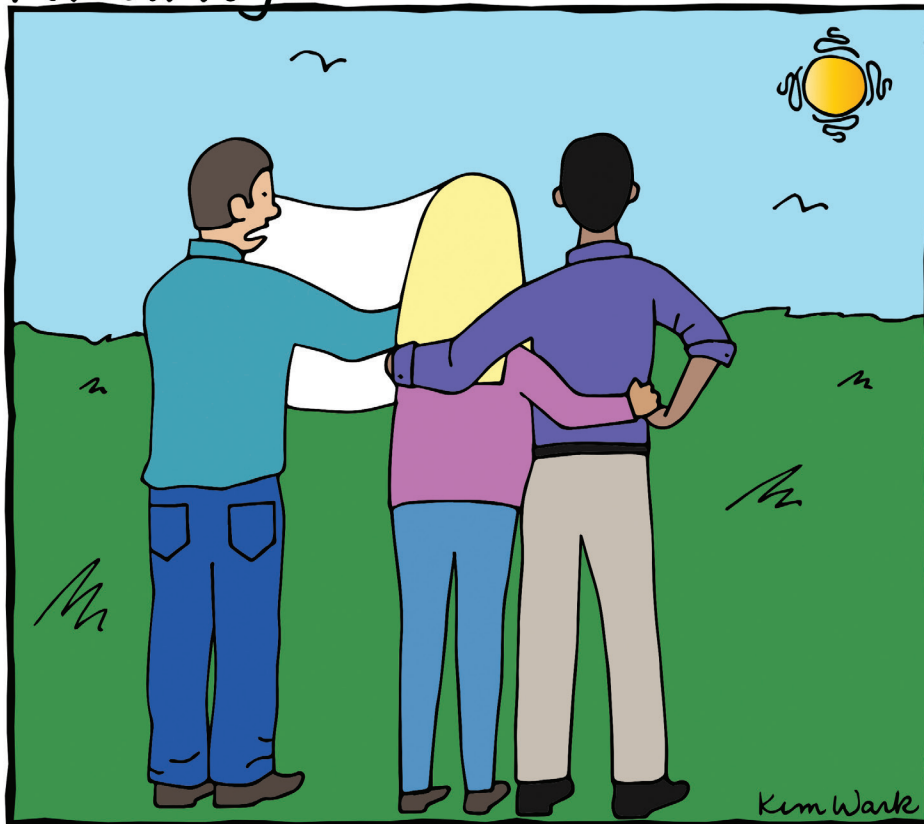
Certainly there are times when meeting face-to-face is best, for many reasons. But wanting an option – especially during a pandemic – should not be contentious. Working from home does not mean anyone is skirting work – an outdated idea – sometimes it means they’re working more because they can focus without interruption, and their office and phone is always right there.

By all means, inconsistencies in how things can or can’t happen are causing us all frustration. And of course there are challenges to meeting virtually, too. Internet access, technology literacy, and the additional work behind-the-scenes for IT support have made us realize we have a long way to go yet.

But we’re getting there, even if we’re staying home. Like Councillor Jennifer Hughey said in a discussion last week about how to safely resume in-person meetings at Minden Hills council, “As long as we are moving the business forward ... that’s really all that matters. So whether we are in a room with each other, or like this, as long as we continue to do that, I think we’re doing our job.”

**SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Kwarky



“You have to imagine the house and the blueprint.”

Snowshoeing for fitness?

THE OTHER day I was browsing the Internet hoping to find out what the going price was for a new pair of snowshoes when I noticed several articles that basically suggested that snowshoeing is the new fitness craze. It almost made me want to send those on-line magazines a photo of me in a swimsuit, just to dispel that horrible rumour.

Don’t get me wrong. There is no doubt it could be a fitness craze. But you could also make a fitness craze out of opening and closing the fridge if you only ate celery. And, let’s be honest, who does that?

To really get fitness benefits out of snowshoeing, you’d have to leave the beaten track, break your own trails and travel for days at an impossible pace for long hours while being pursued relentlessly by a hungry pack of wolves.

In fact, the idea that snowshoeing is a fitness activity verges on being preposterous since these days most snowshoeing is almost exclusively done on hard packed well-groomed trails with plenty of breaks for hot chocolate, granola bars and social media posts.

No, the real fitness activity is getting your snowshoe harnesses off and on. If you ask me, that should be an Olympic event.

For this is an endeavour that takes true athleticism. It requires all the horrible, torturous things that are inherent in any good exercise – bending, twisting, using muscles that you never knew you had, touching your toes, stretching, grunting, persevering, wondering why the heck you are doing this, occasionally losing control of bodily functions, and, finally, nailing the landing. And then you have to repeat the process with the other foot.

Snowshoe harnesses are the main reason

people resort to cross-country skiing.

When it comes to snowshoe harnesses, I happen to be a traditionalist, which means I swear a lot and then do them up well enough so that they take me 100 yards before I have to do it again. Then, if only one comes off, I will hop on that one snowshoe for as long as I can get away with.

Then again, I was taught to snowshoe correctly – by watching Yukon Cornelius in the Rudolph the Reindeer Christmas show that is on each year.

If that old gold prospector taught us anything, it is that snowshoes are a means of making tracks towards the edge of the cliff

you will eventually fall off of when wrestling a Bumble, which, as we all know thanks to Yukon’s ground-breaking research, bounce.

Also, he taught us that you should never take your snowshoes off, presumably for fear of having to deal with his harnesses again.

Just to be clear, I am not trying to dissuade anyone from putting on a pair of snowshoes and going for a long walk – unless you happen to be one of those shut ins who never leaves their apartment. Then, it can be annoying for the people in the unit below you.

By all means, enjoy snowshoeing. It might not be the fitness craze as advertised, but it is still a means of getting you out of the house and active in the winter, without the embarrassment that comes with wearing those tight, cross-country skiing get ups.

It is fun, easy to learn and a good way to be socially distant in these pandemic times. Most importantly, they also provide you with the power to traverse the deep snow off the beaten path to see what a real winter wonderland looks like.

I wouldn’t have a bad thing to say about it, if you didn’t first have to harness that power.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

That other pandemic

THERE'S ANOTHER pandemic infecting Canadians, and millions of others around the world. It's a pandemic-within-the-pandemic and medical experts say it will continue long after COVID-19 is brought under control.

Mental disturbances are increasing at an alarming rate. They are disrupting our daily lives with more violent crime, more domestic disputes, more divorces, and increasing rates of emergency medical calls.

Fatal opioid overdoses here in Ontario have increased 60 per cent since the COVID pandemic began. U.S. drug-related deaths are up roughly 30 per cent, hitting 100,000 between April 2020 and April 2021.

A poll conducted for the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences showed 69 per cent of Canadians believe our country is suffering a mental health pandemic. Twenty-eight per cent believe their own mental health has deteriorated.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The World Health Organization (WHO) says that fear, lost income, isolation and bereavement resulting from COVID are triggering mental health conditions, and exacerbating existing ones. These are causing people to lose sleep, have increased anxiety and increase alcohol and drug use.

That is supported by a study in Lancet, a respected medical journal, estimating that cases of depression rose by 53 million globally in 2020 as a result of the pandemic. Cases of anxiety rose by 76 million.

Women seem to be more affected than men. Of the additional 53 million cases of depression and 76 million cases of anxiety, two-thirds were in women.

A British survey found women were spending roughly 50 per cent more time on housework and nearly twice as much time on child care as men. Millions of girls and young women in poorer countries have dropped out of school during the COVID pandemic.

A growing anxiety is developing over fears that pre-COVID "normal" never will return. One survey shows that 81 per cent, or four of five Canadians, think that the COVID pandemic has changed life forever.

With all this straining us mentally, we now have yet another COVID variant that might make life even more worrisome. The variant was discovered in South Africa and not much is known about it yet, except it has been named Omicron, is thought to be highly transmissible and has caused alarms on the stock markets, plus travel restrictions.

Travel restrictions usually are a barn door closed too late and that is the case here. Two Ontario cases were discovered on the weekend and more possible cases are being investigated.

We can expect COVID to be around much longer, producing new strains that frighten us. We can gain some control with masks, distancing and other restrictions, but this pandemic will not subside until more of the world gets vaccinated.

Half the countries in Africa, source of the latest threatening variant, have less than two per cent of their populations vaccinated. One concern is growing vaccine hesitancy, especially among young African adults.

Many poorer countries have not secured needed quantities of vaccine because vaccine manufacturers give priority to the wealthy countries who stepped up first with big bucks.

We who have so much of everything must work harder at getting the vaccine to those who have so little of anything.

As for that second pandemic – let's all get a grip on ourselves and hold onto what remains of our civility. I mean screaming at and threatening medical personnel, protesting in the streets, harassment of researchers?

If COVID-19 is causing you to scream, try screaming into a pillow instead of someone's face. Generations before us went through times as difficult as these without completely losing their heads.

The biggest threat from the mental health pandemic is what it can do to our futures. A breakdown of mental health requires huge amounts of attention, plus huge amounts of money, to set straight.

"We believe this is just the beginning and even greater pressure to support the mental health of the communities we serve is right around the corner," Karim Mamdani, president and CEO of Ontario Shores, said recently.

He added: "This should serve as a warning for policy and decision-makers that the demands for mental health services will continue to increase at an alarming rate as we continue living through the COVID-19 pandemic and long after it is over."



Turkeys on parade

A parade of 32 turkeys celebrates the peaceful time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. /Photo by Guenter Horst

letters to the editor

Thanking strangers for roadside kindness

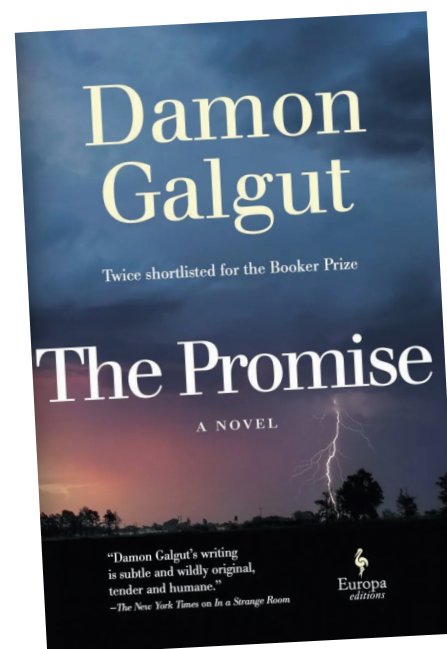
To the Editor:

We are searching for the two kind gentlemen in a white pickup truck that stopped to see if we were OK on Saturday, Nov. 20 around 1 p.m. on County Road 21 between Minden and Haliburton. We were driving the black Ford Explorer that lost control when the rear driver's

tire went sideways due to a broken link. Hoping someone has heard the story and can let us know who they are. We were visibly shaken and they were kind enough to come back and check on us so we want to say thank you for their kindness.

Mike and Sharon Brinkos
West Guilford

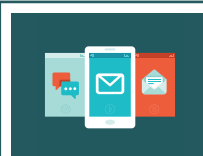
HCPL's Book of the Month - December



The Promise charts the volatility of a white South African family living on a farm outside Pretoria. The Swarts are gathering for Ma's funeral. The younger generation, Anton and Amor, detest everything the family stands for – especially the failed promise to the Black woman who has worked for them her whole life. After years of service, Salome was promised her own house, her own land ... yet somehow, as each decade passes, that promise remains unfulfilled.

The narrator's eye moves fluidly between characters, flying into their dreams; deliciously lethal in its observation. And as the country moves from old divisions to its new so-called "fairer" society, the lost promise of more than just one family hovers behind the novel's title.

This year's Booker prize winner, author Damon Galgut's story of sharp and tender emotional truths hits home hard. Confident, deft and quietly powerful, *The Promise* is literary fiction at its finest. Check it out from Haliburton County Public Library today.



Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

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Maple Lake United Church hopes for help to carry on

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

During the Advent season of hope, Reverend Max Ward said the congregation of Maple Lake United Church is “hoping for a hopeful story.”

On Nov. 25, a letter from the church council was sent to members, adherents and friends of the church, encouraging them to “attend worship and to continue to contribute to the finances and work of the church,” as well as to “spread the word to your friends and neighbours that Maple Lake United Church is in trouble.”

“Our little church on the corner of Highway 118 and Stanhope Airport Road, the corner formerly known as Clark’s Corners, has seen a lot of changes over the years,” reads the letter. “Most recently, with a small and mostly elderly congregation, we have struggled to keep up the physical and financial demands of maintaining our church. For many years, we have relied on fundraising to fill the gap between what the congregation offers in donations and the actual cost to operate the church. Then COVID-19 came along.”

The public health restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in challenges for the church congregation to run fundraisers in a safe way.

A meeting was held on Nov. 21 for the con-

gregation to discuss the future of the church.

“The meeting held last Sunday was to make us all aware of the challenges, to ask for help and pray for guidance,” reads the letter. “Many memories were shared and even some tears shed with the thought of what will happen to the church should we not be able to continue as before and have to close the building permanently.”

On Jan. 30, 2022, the church’s annual meeting will include a discussion and a decision to continue on with much-needed additional support (including increased attendance at church and increases in offering and fundraising); permanently close the building and amalgamate the congregation with another United Church congregation, possibly Highland Hills United Church, or permanently close the building and disband the congregation encouraging members and adherents to attend the church of their choice.

“Any voting at the annual meeting will be done by church members,” reads the letter. “We request your active participation between now and the annual meeting, during the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons of new hope, to show us that the first option is a viable option. Sadly, the half dozen regular members that attend worship are very discouraged and fearful that we cannot continue.”

Ward oversees the charge of Highland Hills United Church in Minden and Maple Lake

United Church in Algonquin Highlands.

“We are hopeful that with a bit of awareness, the church might be able to continue for many years to come into the future but the current outlook isn’t good without an infusion of more people to help with the volunteer work and financial support needed to operate the church,” he said.

According to a brief history of the church, “On Dec. 1, 1900, the amalgamated Methodist congregations of Pine Lake (West Guilford) and Maple Lake met to consider the advisability of building a church at the burying ground at Clarke’s Corners. Meetings were held at each of the school houses, and a sum of \$250 in cash and work had been subscribed.”

The new building was to seat 150 people, and a driving shed to accommodate at least five teams was proposed. “Fifty men, many with teams, hauled lumber from the Stevens Mill at Boshkung and lumber and materials from Haliburton,” reads the church history. “Labour was directed by Mr. R. Gordon who contracted the work and received \$115 for 12 weeks’ work. December 1901 saw the main building completed and ready to be furnished by a very anxious and appreciative congregation, who raised the necessary finances by pledges, social teas, honey socials and volunteer work ... We are so grateful to the many loyal people who dedicated much in the intervening years from

1902 to the present.”

In the 1950s, the interior of the church was renovated through the help of donations, and a basement, new siding and a new roof were added. A kitchen was completed in the ’60s, as well as a furnace installed to replace the old wood stove. Since then, choir gowns, seat covers for the pews, the first stained glass window (and subsequent stained glass windows) and a newer, larger organ have been added to the interior.

In Oct. 2016, the former Minden United Church and Zion United Church voted to amalgamate, while the congregants at Maple Lake United Church voted for it to remain a freestanding church.

At that time, Zion United Church had the largest congregation, up to 45 people on an average Sunday. Minden United Church had an average congregation of 40 or so people, and Maple Lake United eight to 12. The result of the amalgamation, which was finalized in Sept. 2018, is Highland Hills United Church in Minden, with Zion United Church being sold.

“One can only guess what would happen to Maple Lake United Church if the church members cannot continue to operate it as a church,” said Ward.

For more information on Maple Lake United Church visit highlandhillspc.ca.



Warm hearts and homes

The Kowalski Sisters with Ragged Company perform at the 8th Annual Highlands Christmas Shindig on Saturday, Nov. 27 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. The event – held both live and virtually this year – has raised more than \$45,000 for Fuel for Warmth, to help heat homes around the county. /DARREN LUM Staff



Bethany Houghton of the Moontones sings the Etta James song, At Last.



Nick and Stan Russell perform and bring the jazz sounds from A Charlie Brown Christmas, written by Vince Guaraldi.



Charlie Davis sings My Girl with Tomorrow Never Knows.

Vaccine clinics for kids book 122 appointments

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually Nov. 24.

On the first day – Nov. 23 – that appointments were open to book children's COVID-19 vaccines, a total of 1,435 appointments were made in the health unit region. Of these, 63 appointments were booked at clinics in Haliburton County for children aged five to 11 to get the COVID-19 vaccine. As of press time, 122 appointments had been made locally. In Haliburton County, 844 kids are eligible in that age group.

As of Nov. 24, the health unit told the *Times* there were 6,200 appointment slots available in the health unit region for children aged five to 11 years of age to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, 663 of those appointment slots for the children's vaccine (ages five to 11) in Haliburton County.

As reported last week, the health unit is offering a virtual information session on Dec. 2 for parents with questions about the vaccine roll-out for children. "I understand that parents might have questions," said Bocking. "There's lots of information on the internet, some accurate, some not so accurate and we really would like to support parents, guardians, family members, other caregivers, in being aware of vaccine, the risks, the benefits, what we know about the vaccine and how to access it." Visit <http://www.hkpr.on.ca> for more information.

Bocking was asked if there was the same urgency for kids to be vaccinated as there has been for adults.

"I think there is the same urgency, for a number of reasons," she said. "One is that if we look provincially at the distribution of cases across age groups, we actually see that the highest rate for population of cases is among that age group, five to 11-year-olds or school-aged children. When we look at the location of outbreaks, where they're primarily occurring, schools across the province have become the main location that outbreaks are identified, as opposed to workplaces, long-term care homes, that kind of thing. So we know that there is COVID-19 infection within that age group. We know that often the illness, while it's not as severe, it can still cause severe disease. If we're seeing a higher absolute number of cases among this age group, it means we'll see a higher number of severe disease." Bocking said it is also important to take things such as long-COVID and kids having symptoms for a long time after being infected into consideration.

"The other thing I point out about the urgency – we know a lot of the measures we've had to take during the course of the pandemic have impacted children's mental health, physical health, emotional health and by offering vaccination in this age group, it will start to minimize disruption to school or disruption to extracurricular activities and help kids get back to a solid routine and social interactions that really are key to their ongoing health. Vaccinations do play a really key role in helping to minimize those other harms that children have experienced throughout the pandemic."

Bocking confirmed that parental, caregiver or guardian consent would be obtained for any vaccinations for five to 11-year-olds.

Two student cases identified in Haliburton County

As of Nov. 22, the region has seen 2,537 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic. At the time of the press briefing last week, there were 16 active cases: four in Haliburton County, three in City of Kawartha Lakes and nine in Northumberland County.

As of Friday, one classroom at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton was closed following two confirmed

student cases. Bocking said there has been a slight increase in the region's incidence rate, from about three or four to 8.5 per 100,000.

"We have noted just even within the last one or two days an uptick in cases being reported and so we are closely monitoring that and we'll see where this takes us in the upcoming week or so," said Bocking.

Over the past 14 days, Bocking said at the Nov. 22 briefing, of the 28 new cases that had been identified in the region, there had been a slight change from previous updates and the age groups seeing the highest proportion of cases were a little older, in the 30 to 39 and 50 to 59 age groups. A high proportion of those cases – 36 per cent – didn't have a transmission source identified, which is a general indication of broader community transmission. Otherwise, Bocking said, 10 per cent were associated with household contacts and 18 per cent were associated with travel.

Vaccination by the numbers

Of those 12 and older, 86.8 per cent had received one dose of vaccine and 84.2 per cent have received two doses of vaccine. Bocking said there is a large number of people that have yet to receive any doses of COVID vaccine, approximately 22,500 people across all of the region.

Uptake of the booster dose in the region is steady, but not as quick as first or second doses, said Bocking. She said the health unit's message to individuals has been that there's still good protection after two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for severe disease but there is evidence that over time, immune response decreases. As the province expands eligibility for booster doses, it could become harder to get an appointment, said Bocking, "so I encourage people who are 70 and over to look at opportunities ... so that you're not having to wait when other parts of the population become eligible as well."

Vaccines to go

While there are vaccine clinics happening in Minden's community centre as well as Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the GO-VAXX bus is returning to the county on Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for those looking for first or second vaccines, booster shots, as well as vaccines for children aged five to 11. The retrofitted GO bus that serves as a mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be at the Haliburton Welcome Centre on York Street (next to the public library). No appointments are needed, though a health card or form of government photo ID must be shown.

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on the COVID-19 Vacs for Kids

Children 5 to 11 years of age can now be vaccinated against COVID-19. Join a virtual information session to learn more about COVID-19 and the vaccine. Hear from a panel of local health care providers and have your questions answered.

When: Thursday, December 2 from 6 to 7 pm



What: A virtual meeting with a panel of local health care providers. The session will be live streamed on YouTube and the recording provided after the meeting.

Why: The panel will share information on COVID-19 and the vaccine for children.

Who: Panel participants will include:

- Dr. Sheila Mae Young – Family Physician in the City of Kawartha Lakes (moderator)
- Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, HKPR District Health Unit
- Dr. Emma Smith, Family Physician with Northumberland Family Health Team
- Brooke Mountney, Public Health Nurse, HKPR District Health Unit

How: Visit www.hkpr.on.ca for information on how to view the session and pre-submit questions.



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Each year we think the need is greater than the previous and this year isn't any different! Let's take a moment and remember what it was like to get that special gift on Christmas morning. Now those who can, need to reach down and lend a hand to those who make Christmas special to those who need that extra hand.

The members of the *Haliburton County Home Builders' Association* are willing to pick up and deliver gifts to the 'Christmas Workshops'.


Large or small, each gift will help fill the much-needed Christmas hampers distributed by the 4C's in Haliburton, Minden Community Food Bank and the Central Food Network.

Step 1: Call in advance to the Home Builders' Office 457-6901. Members of the Home Builders' Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the *workshops*.

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Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 10th.

Call 705-457-6901 for more information and to book your gift picked up.



Liz Danielsen to continue as county warden

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Liz Danielsen will serve another term as warden of Haliburton County.

Danielsen, who also serves as deputy mayor of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, was acclaimed to the position at the Nov. 24 county council meeting, held virtually.

No other county councillor submitted an application for the position ahead of the Nov. 15 deadline.

Danielsen will be officially sworn in for the new term at the Dec. 14 Haliburton County

council meeting, to be held virtually at 2 p.m.

Danielsen brings plenty of expertise to the position. With Haliburton County, she serves on committees for roads, emergency services, finance and tourism, among others. In her role with Algonquin Highlands, she also serves on committees for the Stanhope Municipal Airport and Stanhope Heritage Museum. She was acclaimed as an Algonquin Highlands councillor in the 2018 municipal election, when she ran to represent Ward 2, Stanhope.

Externally, she has contributed to the Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Authority and worked on the Algonquin land claim issues.

New economic development director ready to address challenges

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

Scott Ovell has had a long and interesting career working in economic development. Now, he joins Haliburton County at an interesting time.

Ovell, Haliburton County's new director of economic development and tourism, has joined the county at a time when the way people travel and spend money is expected to shift. His job will be to help Haliburton County businesses – especially tourism businesses – be ready to face stiffer competition for travellers' dollars.

"COVID has amplified the number of people coming up [to cottage country] because more people were travelling domestically," he said in an interview. "All the data and information is suggesting that people, perhaps by next summer, will be looking [to travel] elsewhere ... We'll have to try to separate ourselves and get above the noise."

By that, Ovell means that Haliburton County businesses will have to work together to highlight what makes the area special and try to stand out from other regions. He said that a "cottage community" like Haliburton is in competition with, not just other tourism destinations around the world, but other areas of the province known for cottaging, such as the Niagara region or Collingwood area.

That means the county will have to have a solid economic development plan going forward, and people from throughout the business community will be needed to give input, he said.

"We have to work with all sectors to make the county as a whole more resilient ... On the tourism side, it's about continuing to do what we do, along with working with our stakeholders to learn what we can do better."

Ovell has a unique background that makes him well-equipped to lead the charge. He grew up in nearby Bracebridge but moved to British Columbia to attend Thompson Rivers University. He earned a bachelor of tourism management from the school in 2003. He also minored in international development and that education provided him an opportunity to work for a time in South America, where he learned how tourism projects can lead to economic development.

He later returned to Ontario, where he has had a variety of government- and tourism-related roles. He was previously the economic development officer for the Wahta Mohawk community and, most recently, was an economic development officer for the Town of Huntsville, a position he held from 2013 until just this month. Ovell officially joined Haliburton County on Nov. 8.

Ovell said that during his first two weeks he spent much of his time getting to know local stakeholders, including county councillors. In the coming days, he'll be involved in the hiring of a new tourism manager to work alongside him.

Ovell made it clear that he isn't coming to his new role with a desire to achieve personal projects or instill his own mandate on the community.

"It really will be about working with county council and the townships; about getting a plan in place, asking ourselves what our priorities are. It's about regularly updating them on the initiatives and listening to them if we need to change course."

"It's always exciting to work in economic development because no two days are the same," he added. "I like to solve problems and help people and see growth and progress. It's always exciting but there are a lot of challenges to address."

County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	4	73	0	155	150	4	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	14	21	10	1,343	1,284	53	45	13
Northumberland	13	59	0	1,063	1,033	39	17	0
Total***	31	161	10	2,561	2,467	96	63	13

Four COVID-19 cases in Haliburton County

A new case of COVID-19 on Nov. 29 brings Haliburton County's current unresolved case numbers to four, with 73 high-risk contacts. A classroom at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton is closed and an outbreak on bus #32 declared after two students tested positive for COVID-19 last week./ Screenshot from HKPRDHU website

HHSS Co-op SERIES

Gaining insight through co-op experience

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Getting experience as a pharmacist assistant through the co-op placement at Shoppers Drug Mart in Haliburton has given Alyssa Morissette the reassurance to pursue her goal of becoming a pharmacist.

The Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student is one of dozens of students this year fulfilling co-op placements throughout the Highlands. She said getting into the pharmacy field was about fulfilling a desire to work in the healthcare field and was also a position she could be comfortable with.

“So, I started researching jobs that don’t involve blood and having to do that stuff because I don’t like that. Pharmacy caught my eye. That would be interesting. I get to work with medications [rather] than on people ... I did a ton of research, and I was like, ‘yeah, I’m very interested in this. We should try this out,’” she said.

Alyssa said she’s familiar with the co-op programming because her father is the high school co-op coordinator. She had intended to complete her placement last year, but that was put on hold because of the pandemic, which resulted in students learning remotely to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

She said if she was prevented from completing her co-op placement this year, she would have had lingering questions before she left high school.

“Is this really what I want to do? And I’d also be going in blind. I’d have none of what I just learned. I can’t imagine if I didn’t know this stuff,” she said.

With the quadmester, students are taking two classes in one block of time, so when Alyssa was setting up her placement worth one credit, she knew it was actually going to be a half day. She said this worked out in her favour, giving her more time for her placement.

“Students like me, who are in a bunch of academic courses and need these courses all through the year we don’t have time for a two-credit, or a four-credit co-op. But we can fit one-credits normally, but this one credit I get half a day instead of one period, so it’s awesome, yeah,” she said.

The longer co-op placement broadens her understanding. Alyssa’s duties during her placement, which ended a few weeks ago, were filling prescriptions, working with others, following directions, serving the public, and operating the cash register. She also had the opportunity to observe vaccinations being administered and COVID-19 tests being performed.

Being behind the counter has provided a more nuanced picture of the pharmacy industry than the Grade 12 student ever thought was possible.

“I had my idea of pharmacy, like, ‘Oh, yeah. We distribute the medications. We check them.’ All of this kind of stuff and then when I got here there is so much more that everyone does. And also there are so many more positions within the pharmacy that I had no idea about. Like the technician for example. I didn’t really know what her role was when I came in here,” she said.

A technician performs more tasks than do assistants helping the pharmacist in non-clinical ways. They can give injections (after taking a course), they can look at the medications and make sure they cross-reference with information on the computer, and they can verify the directions typed into the computer correspond to what the physician wrote on the prescription. A major difference is a pharmacist will have completed four more years of education. The education enables pharmacists, who put in the time and effort to know about new medications, to not just identify, but be able to dispense, offer “clinical” consultation about new medications and determine what is most suitable for a patient’s particular diagnosis.

It’s important students don’t just take a co-op placement for the sake of it, Alyssa said. Get invested and do something that is of interest.

“Don’t just take co-op because you’re bored and you don’t want to be in a class and want to get out of the school. Make sure it’s something you’re interested in so that you can know it’s, ‘I want to go to school for that,’ or, ‘I absolutely hate that and never want to do that again,’” she said. “I’ve done co-op placements in a class as well and, no, that’s not for me. I never want to be a teacher, but I know that now.”

Putting forth your best self at a placement is essential, whether you like the placement or not, she said.

“Even if you don’t like it. I did not like the peer teacher



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Alyssa Morissette finishes filling out a prescription during her co-op placement at the Haliburton Shoppers Drug Mart. The Grade 12 student is appreciative for the opportunity to gain valuable experience related to her becoming a pharmacist./DARREN LUM Staff

thing, but I still went and tried my best, so that I could make my employer happy, right, because they’re volunteering their time to let me do their placement. They’re not getting paid. They didn’t have to do that, but they’re nice to do it, so you show up and work hard,” she said.

Pharmacist Aimee Mansfield, a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumna, welcomed the chance to help a local student.

“It’s amazing to give them some input. She now can tell if she is going to enjoy doing this line of work or if she is interested in learning more of this type of work. It’s nice to be able to give a positive influence on how they’re thinking, or how their education is going to go,” she said. “Basically, have somebody step right into the job kind of helps them decide. It’s nice to help them do that and do different things,” she said.

There wasn’t a pharmacy co-op placement available for her when she was in high school, she said, and she wishes there was.

“Not knowing much about it when you first walk into the course can be really daunting. So, it’s really nice to see behind the scenes and know (a) how much work you’re going to put into things and (b) how you deal with the public, how you deal with physicians. It’s a whole different experience. A lot of people think it’s easy to work back here, but you have to be pretty bright and on the ball. [Problem solving skills are important] and there are a lot of little things to remember. Alyssa has caught on really well,” she said.

Mansfield has told Alyssa about how the job requires life-long learning, including reading and investigating new drugs.

She said there have been six placements at the current location and at the previous location on Maple Avenue before the move to Highlands Street.

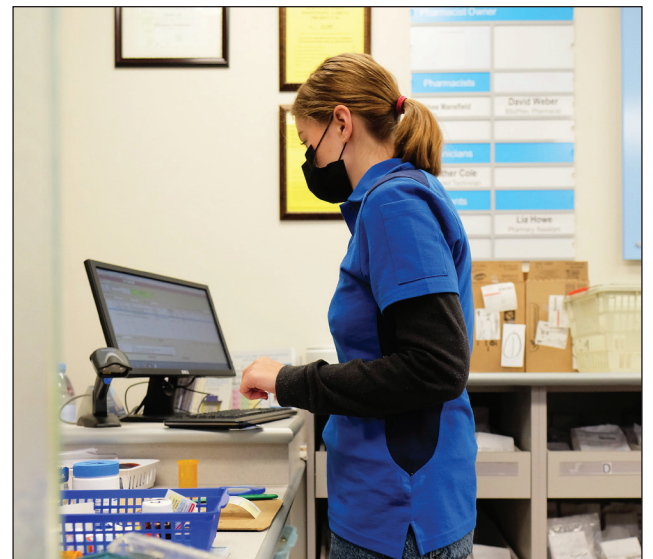
Mansfield appreciated being able to help and be an example for Alyssa, showing it’s possible to work in your chosen field in Haliburton.

“It was a big deal for me to come back home and actually build a career here. I love living in this area, so it’s nice to be able to influence people in high school right now to think about coming back here and to show them there are jobs you can have after university. I think there are a lot of people that think, ‘Oh, it’s small town. I’m not going to go back there. I’m just going to stay [where I studied] and boost [my] career,’” she said.

Alyssa’s placement went so well she was offered a job as a pharmacist assistant.

She’s had to turn them down because of the demands of a full course load this semester.

“I said I may come back here and may see if there is an opportunity in the summer and something like that,” she said. “It



Alyssa Morissette checks the computer at her co-op placement at the Haliburton Shoppers Drug Mart.

made me feel like I did a good job. I lived up to their standards.”

The placement helped with her anxieties about choosing a career.

“Being in here has given me the closure that, I like this. I enjoy this. It’s not like I’m dreading to come in and do this every day. I want to come and do this. So, it’s just given me closure. Yes, this is the right decision for me, which I needed,” she said.

To become a pharmacist, one needs to complete four years of undergraduate studies followed by an additional two years at pharmacy school, she said.

“My first day in here I was extremely overwhelmed. I was just watching and taking it all in. Like, I don’t know any of this. But now when they talk about these processes, I’m like, ‘Oh, yeah, I know that. I watched that. Oh, yeah, this pharmacist has told me how to do this’ and I remember that, right? I just get to take it with me, and I just stay comfortable,” she said. “I’m sure a lot of high school students do this, but I feel like I’m a step ahead. Like one of the pharmacists here said he never did any of this and went into it blindly. He had no idea ... He just felt really behind [at first]. It keeps me comfortable.”

Although Alyssa was intrigued by the other positions in the pharmacy department, she hasn’t deviated from her goal to become a pharmacist.

“I want the responsibility. I know I should be able to achieve that so I’m like, go big, or go home,” she said.

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Huskies and Cougars fight to a tie in Friday night spectacular

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

After the double-overtime period solved nothing, the Haliburton County Huskies and Cobourg Cougars had to settle for a 3-3 tie Friday night in Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) action at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

The first evening game of the season might have seen frigid weather outside, but inside fans were treated to a scorcher of a match between two divisional rivals. After acknowledging the team's first Cancer Awareness Night, from the opening drop of the puck the Huskies had complete control.

At 3:04, Oliver Tarr streaked down the right wing towards Cougars goalie Justin Easter and cut across the crease to bury his 20th of the season and put the Huskies up 1-0. The game was rough from the get go, with big hits and lots of penalties.

Sam Solarino got completely run over by Cougars forward Tai York to put the Huskies on the power play, the team didn't disappoint. Huskies forward Lucas Stevenson netted his eighth of the year, with Isaac Sooklal picking up an assist in his first game back from injury.

While the Huskies dominated the first, the Cougars weren't going to let that slide in the second. York scored the first of three straight goals for Cobourg at 2:10, with teammates Liam Filip and Isaac Pascoal adding to the tally to leave the Huskies trailing by one into the second intermission.

With the Huskies down by one, the intensity picked up as both teams' level of intensity increased to get a goal. However, at 6:21 Huskies rookie Lucas Marshall would get his first career OJHL goal to send the game to overtime. Lighting up the arena and giving



Haliburton County Huskies players Ethan Gonsalves, from left, Lucas Marshall and Christian Stevens celebrate a tying goal scored by Marshall in Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Friday night, Nov. 26 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Neither team scored after double-overtime and the game ended 3-3. /DARREN LUM Staff

the fans two extra periods of hockey. After the overtime's four-on-four format solved nothing, the teams took one final crack at it with the five minute three-on-three format.

After the Cougars managed to kill off an important penalty, they had a chance to end the game with a breakaway. Huskies net-minder Christian Cicigoi left the Cougars players, who had already rushed off the bench to celebrate, deflated when he raised the puck with his glove to show he made the save. The game would end in a 3-3 draw with both teams picking up a point.

"I'm excited to finally get the first goal off my back," said Huskies forward Marshall. "It's electric to play in this building and it's so much energy from the fans. I really enjoy being here."

For Cicigoi, a possible save of the year trophy might be in his future at the end of the season. His game saving stop at the end of double-overtime might go down as one of the most exciting moments of the season so far.

"When I saw the turnover, I said to myself 'No, we are not gonna lose this game'," Cicigoi said. "He is a fast skater so once he made the move to the blocker side, I cut my edge and he made the move to my glove side. I stuck my leg out and got the puck but they started to celebrate, so I had to flash the puck to the ref to stop that."

Despite the tie, coach Ryan Ramsay still

had a lot of positives to look at. While the inconsistent powerplay and questionable officiating left a lot to be desired, picking up a point in the division is ever so important as the season progresses.

"I think as a team we played really well in the first ten minutes," Ramsay said. "We sat back too much in the second period but in the third we played really well. As we get later in the season we can't let teams come back in but I'm happy we picked up a point in the division. Isaac Sooklal and Peyton Shaley played great in their first games back and we are getting Patrick Saini back next week so I'm looking forward to that."

The Huskies dropped a 2-1 game against Wellington on Sunday, but will be back in the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Dec. 3 for a rematch against the Cougars.



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We also thank the buyers and supporters who ventured by to shop Tuesdays.

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HISTORY IN THE HIGHLANDS

Who was Orde of Minden's Orde Street?

ACCORDING TO local property records, he was an Osgoode Hall trained lawyer from Lindsay named Ernest Dunsford Orde. He was only 25 years old when he purchased Lot 3, 5 and 6 in Concession A in Anson township in November 1873.



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History in the Highlands

The lots fronted on the Bobcaygeon Colonization Road. Lot 3 was the best location - the north and south shore of the Gull River and the west side of Main Street.

For this 290 acres of prime property, he paid \$5,000 to Philip Sandford Martin, another investor from Lindsay. Martin had assembled this package that same year through estate and bankruptcy sales, including from the estate of John Buck, innkeeper, of Buck's Tavern fame.

To develop the land in Lot 3, the following summer Orde contracted with surveyor James Dickson to create 29 "Minden West" village lots along Main Street, Anson Street, Peck Street and Orde Street. (See map).

Over the next 10 years, he sold these village lots to both settlers and speculators, including some familiar names: John H Delamere, Samuel Stanley Peck, John Welch, Benjamin Eastman, William McCracken, and Alexander Gouldie. In the mid-1880s, he sold the final lots along both sides of Anson Street to William Fielding.

During this time, Orde was busy with other money making opportunities. Following two of his brothers, he briefly emigrated to Pembina county in North Dakota in 1880,

and even applied for naturalization. Other Minden families, including Daniel Buck Jr., had settled there. But shortly after, he was back in Lindsay, enumerated as a "Gentleman" on the 1881 census.

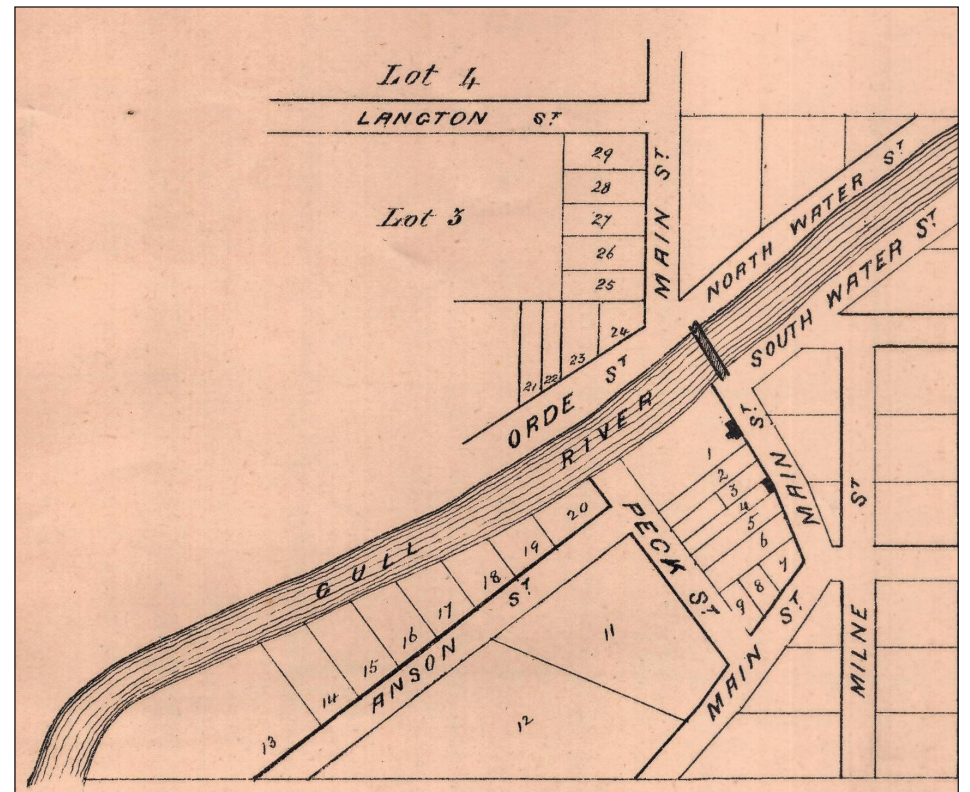
He never lived in Minden. Orde conducted his business from Lindsay and his holdings in the area grew from the early 1870s to mid-1890s. Newspaper accounts there mention him being the owner of the McIntyre's Hotel building in Coboconk, several farms in the Bury's Green area, and houses in Lindsay. A brief account says a fine verandah has been added to his house on Lindsay Street.

For someone who appears to have had a good deal of business savvy, this short article in the January 1897 Lindsay's *The Canadian Post* is a surprise: "The bailiff's sale of the furniture and effects of E. D. Orde, contained in the rooms lately occupied by him over the express office, began on Tuesday at 10 o'clock and concluded about 3 p.m. The value of the property was estimated at about \$600, but the sum realized fell far short of that amount."

Orde had headed west, unencumbered by a wife and children, first spending time in Winnipeg where brother Walter had settled.

Attracted by the gold mining boom in Rossland, British Columbia, he and his brother established themselves as brokers there. In June 1898, he was mentioned in the *Lindsay Watchman* newspaper: "Mr E.D. Orde, a former resident of Lindsay, and late of Rossland, B.C., is on his way to the Klondike."

By 1908, he had moved to Vancouver where he continued his real estate speculations. He never married. In September 1932, the *Vancouver Province* newspaper reported that he had been found dead in his room in the Dufferin Hotel, having been in poor health for some time. His obituary described



E.D. Orde's 29 lots are shown on a section of the "Map of the Town of Minden & Town Plot of Haliburton," page 97, *The New Topographical Atlas of The Province of Ontario*. Toronto: Miles & Co., 1879.

him as a "pioneer of the west."

Now in the midst of the Great Depression, the *Province* newspaper reported that his net estate was valued at \$16,600 which he left to his niece Juliet P. Orde of Ottawa.

Poor Juliet! In today's dollars, the estate would have been worth about \$325,000, but a 1938 appeal by the estate trustee to the B.C. Executive Council shows no such luck. It states that "...the affairs of the deceased were in a very involved condition..." and

that "...for a number of years the estate has not received sufficient cash to pay taxes and some of the assets have already been lost through non-payment of taxes and the beneficiary, who lives in Ottawa has, as yet, received nothing from the estate..."

We don't know if Juliet ever received a penny of her inheritance. All he may have left behind is a street that he named after himself in the new village of Minden.

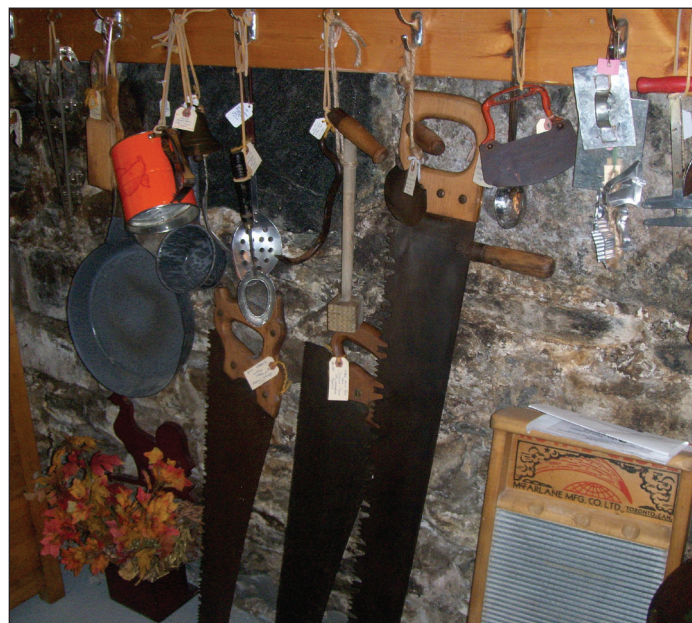
KINMOUNT CONNECTIONS

Travel back in time to around 1900 when the Loyal Order of Foresters decided to build a needed town hall in Kinmount. Twenty years later the town lost its precious jewel when it was partially destroyed by fire. Only the stone foundation remained intact. It was soon rebuilt on the same stone foundation that still stands today at Kinmount Community Centre. If the old stone walls could talk what tales would they tell?

Perhaps tales of the Kinmount Platoon of the 109th Overseas Battalion who during the First World War, made their base at the hall. The stone foundation in the basement became host to a shooting range, later a movie theatre, and by the time I moved to Kinmount it was a public library, then a craft store, next a second hand store/studio, and finally in 1999, along with about 200 others, I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of a new gem, Kinmount Artisans Marketplace!

Just as they did that day, the old stone walls of this historic building still permeate ambience throughout the shop, providing a stunning backdrop for local handcrafts, fine art, antiques, collectables, and books by local authors. Outside, the stone wall is graced by a detailed mural of Kinmount throughout the years. Get up close and personal. A drive-by glance does not do it justice!

Amazingly, now 22 years later, and despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Marketplace lives on and still operates as it



The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace has been located in the Kinmount Community Centre since 1999. The centre itself was originally built as a town hall in 1900. /Submitted photo

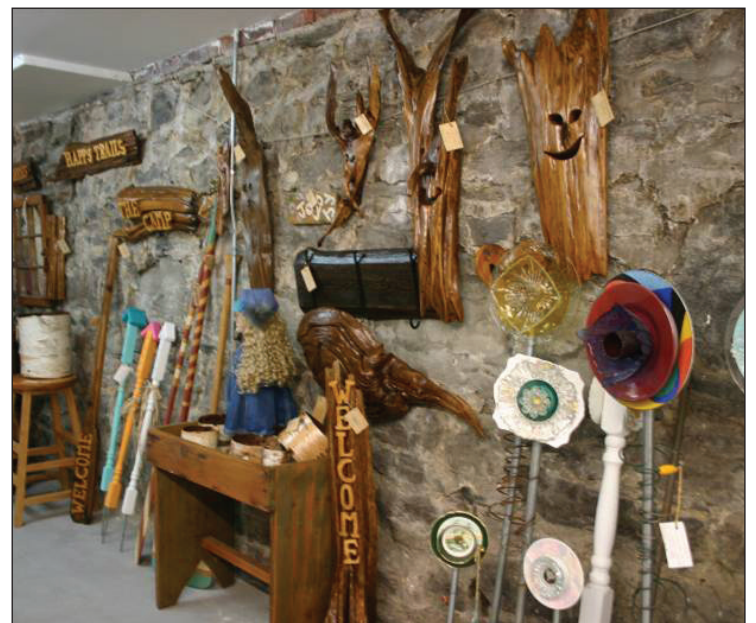
originally did, a not for profit co-op shop, voluntarily managed and staffed by dedicated members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild. Perched on the hill on County Road 45 at County Road 121, the Marketplace is open Fridays to Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and daily during tourist season. When you

shop the Marketplace you truly are shopping local. It's good for the shop and area creators, and is guaranteed to warm your spirit.

Like sparkling Christmas lights, this destination glows radiantly with no shortage of gems to explore. In fact, it just may be the spot to discover that elusive, perfect treasure!

Hope this Christmas brings precious memories your way. Take care and stay tuned for more Kinmount gems next month!

By Lynne Kilby



GENERATIONS

Bringing babies together with EarlyON

November has been an exciting month, as our indoor programs have resumed in Minden and Haliburton. Although we continue our weekly program on Wednesday mornings at Head Lake Park for those who wish to be outside, moving indoors is a welcome option we can now offer. In particular, parents with babies and very young toddlers have been happy to meet inside.

Our Baby Discoveries program offers an opportunity for parents to connect with each other and staff, to share challenges and milestones of babies' first year. This social piece is so important for the parents and the little ones who have spent all of this early time together facing COVID-19 restrictions. It has been wonderful to see all the curious faces looking around, smiling, and taking it all in!

At our baby program, a variety of activities take place in a safe, yet relaxed and fun environment.

Besides time to chat, there is also a time to learn new songs and fingerplays which promote language development (and can also come in handy to entertain your child). We often incorporate scarf and shaker play as well, or the use of simple items such as balls and boxes that parents can try at home. This past week the parents made easy edible finger

paint and the children had a chance to try it out- using their sense of touch, smell, vision, as well as taste. A messy but good time!

We are now offering spots for our December sessions of Baby Discoveries, as well as Play and Learn for the older children, please see our Facebook page to register. Other upcoming events include our Jingle Bell Sing-Along and Giveaway, happening at the end of the month at several library locations, pre-registration required. If you are looking for other ideas, information or activities, our Facebook page has many great videos, parent tip sheets and play suggestions for you and your family.

This important social engagement time is beneficial for the parents as well as the little ones, who have spent much of their time together but not meeting others due to the restrictions of the pandemic.

We hope you can join us!

Julie Bosker
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EarlyON Child and Family Centre
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

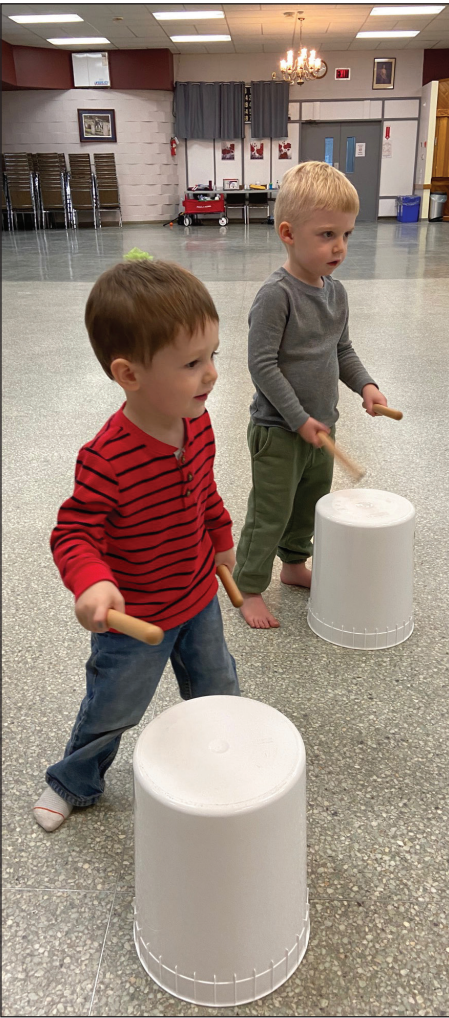
Answers on page 17



Ashtyn Sharples touches, smells, and tastes the edible paint.



Ryley Camelon, 1, comes to the group with her caregiver Sara Burtch. She loves the music.



William McCullough, 2, and Cai Jenkins, 3, making music together at our EarlyON Play and Learn program.



Thatcher MacDonald, seven months, enjoys scarf play with mom Beth Brundage.



Brantley Alcock got right into the jello paint!



The EarlyON group drumming band!

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Crafty creations

Sharon Foster, Valerie Tittel and Trish Lamb-Jollimore got into the spirit of things with a festive craft night at Boshkung Social on Nov. 25. /Submitted

To see your loved ones on this page, send photos to sue@haliburtonpress.com

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Gathering to give

Members of the Rotary Club of Minden bundled up on the morning of Nov. 29 to present cheques to Fuel for Warmth and to the Minden Community Food Centre. "A big thank you to all our fundraisers and community support," read their announcement. /Submitted photos

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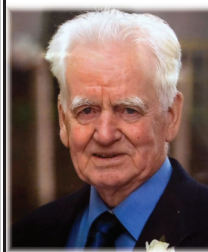
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James Vincent Bradbury passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 96 years of age. He was predeceased by his wife Stephanie May this past June. James leaves behind his beloved children Elizabeth, James and Stephanie and their spouses - Ronald, Ligia and David. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Jeremy, Christina, Ryan, Nicole and Kathryn as well as his beloved great grandchildren.

James (Vince) has enjoyed the Minden area since the early 60's. He retired and has lived in Minden since 1984. James was actively involved with the Royal Canadian Branch 636; founding club member of Club 35 and the Minden Curling Club. He enjoyed curling, cribbage, euchre, woodworking and renovating.

James will be missed by his family and friends. His love will live forever in our memories of all the wonderful family celebrations that he was always a part of and the numerous card games that he so enjoyed.

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Beloved husband and best friend of Barbara Perrin (nee Winfield). Loving father of Ron Jr. (Venesa) and Shaun (Stacey). Loving Grumps of Shelbie (Derek), Hailly (Morgan), Tyler (Samantha), Maria, Zach, Liam, Jacob and by his great grandchildren Nolan and Mya. Dear brother of Donna (Ron) and Jim (Barb). Also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Ron worked for Ronald S. Sisson Builders for over 25 years. He was an excellent carpenter and builder. He will be sadly missed by many. Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing and horseshoes. Most of all, he enjoyed his family and would do anything for them.

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Margaret "Jane" van Nood (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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County abandons plans to replace bridge

The Haliburton County Council has been asked to follow through in its commitment to replace the Ingoldsby bridge.

The request was contained in a strongly worded resolution endorsed by the Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal council December 15. The resolution follows on the heels of a decision of the county road committee not to replace the bridge but to carry out needed repairs.

The county roads committee has also asked

the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC) to investigate the possibility of designating the Ingoldsby bridge, and the bridges at Dorset and Hawk Lake, as heritage bridges.

The Minden resolution noted, "This municipality strongly objects to the decision reached by County Council that the Ingoldsby Bridge not be replaced."

The resolution points out that a great deal of time and money has been spent on consultant plans and land acquisition for a new bridge

in Ingoldsby. As well, the residents of the community, at the west end of Lake Kashagawigamog, had been led to believe that the bridge would be replaced.

"I don't think it is fair that they have talked about replacing the bridge so many times, and now they will not proceed," Anson, Hindon and Minden Councillor Pat Burk told the Thursday meeting. Mrs. Burk is a resident of the Ingoldsby area and a strong proponent for its replacement.

The county had initiated

action in October 1981 to have design documents and tender forms drawn up for the new bridge. However, since then there have been a series of delays, in particular relating to a piece of property which the county expropriated on the western approach to the bridge. The owner of the property, Joseph Curtin mounted a campaign against the bridge and the expropriation of his property. Earlier this year an expropriation hearing officer ruled in the county's favour on the land question.

In addition to fighting the expropriation, Curtin canvassed property associations on Canning and Kashagawigamog Lake

seeking their support to halt the new structure. He claimed the new bridge would be lower than the existing one and would hinder boat traffic.

According to information gathered by the Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden, discussion of the future of the bridge dates back to 1974 when the structure's replacement was first proposed. Design plans were prepared at that time and submitted to the MTC for approval.

The escalating cost of replacing the bridge and the controversy surrounding the structure appears to have swayed the county's road committee. The group

accompanied representatives of the MTC to the site to inspect the bridge before reaching a decision.

According to a resolution passed by the road committee, and accepted without comment by county council Wednesday afternoon "...it was decided that the necessary repairs would be made to the existing structure to maintain its present structural capabilities and that cosmetic work will be carried out at the same time to enhance the appearance of the structure and approaches."

The resolution was passed on a recorded vote with
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Two youngsters exchange knowing glances as they find themselves seated on the knee of Santa Claus. The youngsters were two of many who visited with the jolly old man as he visited Minden Saturday sponsored by the Business Improvement Area.

Tree by-law explanation will be given to councils

In an effort to explain the intricacies of the tree protection by-law, members of the committee which first drafted its terms will be visiting a number of county municipal council where opposition to the by-law still exists.

The decision to send the committee out was made at the December 14 meeting of Haliburton County Council.

The matter was raised after Forest Management Committee member Elgin Stouffer told the meeting that people in the logging industry in Dysart Township, the only municipality to approve the by-law, feel it is a necessity and that its

implementation has been very successful. However, he noted that loggers in that municipality are concerned that since the restrictions are not in force across the county, those working in other areas have an unfair advantage.

Stouffer said the county could have in time, five times the forest related industry if the tree

protection by-law was in place county-wide.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said the opposition to the by-law appears to be coming from those who do not understand its contents. It was first suggested that the committee which drafted the tree protection by-law appear before county council. However, several councillors objected, saying it would be simpler for them

if the committee appeared at the individual council meetings where they could answer the questions of all the councillors.

A question was raised as to how the enforcement of the by-law would be carried out on a county-wide basis. Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed of Sherbourne et al pointed out, for example, that only 3.5% of his municipality is privately owned land, where the by-law would be in force. He said it would be difficult to justify paying someone to ensure the by-law is adhered to.

Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe suggested that enforcement could be paid for on a pay-as-you-go basis so that those using the services of a qualified forestry technician to ensure the by-law is

enforced, would cover the costs of the time involved.

While some members of council expressed concerns about the by-laws, Snowdon Reeve Bob Vick appeared to be the only one who opposed it actively. He wondered where all the good timber was which the by-law was meant to protect. He suggested that those logging in the county had already stripped it away.

Vick also questioned why the by-law should be considered for county-wide enforcement when there were municipalities who were opposed to it.

Members of the committee are expected to visit the municipal councils between now and mid January to explain the details of the tree protection by-law.

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